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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the composition, aims and objectives of the National Commission on Population (NCP)

(b) the total fund allocated during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 for meeting the expenditure of this Commission;

(c) the justification behind formation of such a large body thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to keep the membership of the NCP to minimum possible for its smooth working?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

a) The composition and aims and objectives of the National Commission on Population (NCP) is given below:

Composition

Chairman – Prime Minister of India

Vice-Chairman – Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Members

Union Minister in charge of Education
Union Minister in charge of Environment and Forests
Union Minister in charge of Finance
Union Minister in charge of Health and Family Welfare
Union Minister in charge of Information and Broadcasting
Union Minister in charge of Rural Development
Union Minister in charge of Social Justice and Empowerment
Union Minister in charge of Urban Development
Union Minister in charge of Women and Child Development
Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha
Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha
Chief Ministers of all States/Union Territories
Dr. (Smt.) Najma Heptulla, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabya
Leader of Bharatiya Janata Party
Leader of Communist Party of India
Leader of Indian National Congress
Leader of Nationalist Congress Party
Leader of Janata Dal (United)
Mrs. Margaret Alva, Member of Parliament
Shri Purno Sangma, Member of Parliament
Smt. Shabana Azmi, Member of Parliament
Shri Vinod Khanna, Member of Parliament
President, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India
President, Confederation of Indian Industries
President, Editors Guild of India
President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

President, Federation of Obst. & Gyna. Society of India, FOGSI
President, Indian Medical Association
President, Indian Newspapers Society
President, Indian Nursing Council
Representative, Jain T.V. (Dr. J.K. Jain)
President, Medical Council of India
Representative, STAR T.V. (Shri Prannoy Roy)
Representative, SUN T.V.
Representative, ZEE T.V. (Shri Subhash Chandra)
Professor Abad Ahmed
Mr. Abhay Bang, SEARCH, Gadchiroli
Shri A.C. Muthiah
Shri Alok Mukhopadhyay, Chairman, VHAI
Shri Alyque Padamsee
Dr. A. Vaidyanathan, Madras Institute of Development Studies
Shri Aveek Sarkar, Telegraph
Dr. Banoo Coyaji, Director, KEM Hospital, Rastapet
Shri Barun Sengupta, Bartman
Dr. Darshan Shankar (ISM&H), President, Foundation for Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions
Dr. E.K. Iqbal, KSSP
Smt. Ela Bhatt, SEWA Ahmedabad
Smt. Imrana Qadir, Professor, Population Studies, JNU, New Delhi.
Ms. Jaya Jaitley
Ms. Jayanti Natrajan
Shri K. Gopalakrishna, President, JANANI
Dr. K. Srinivasan, President, Indian Association for Study of Population
Dr. Mahip Singh
Shri Mammen Mathew, Malayalam Manorama
Professor Mohd. Amin, Ex. V.C., Jamia Hamdard
Ms. Mohsina Kidwai
Shri Narayana Murthy
Shri Narendra Mohan, Dainik Jagaran
Dr. Neena Puri, President, FPIA
Mrs. Neidonud Angami, President, Naga Mothers' Association
Shri N. Ravi, The Hindu
Dr. N.S. Deodhar, Pune
Ms. Padma Sachdeva
Shri Prabhash Joshi, Jansatta
Shri P.N. Tripathi, AVARD
Shri Qari M.M. Majari, Urdu, Secular Qayadat
Ms. Quatarlain Haider
Ms. Ragni Ben Banwari, Seva Ashram, UP
Dr. Rajnikant Arole, Jamkhed Project, Ahmednagar
Ms. Rami Chhabra
Shri Ramoji Rao, ENNADU
Ms. Rani Bang, SEARCH, Gadchiroli
Shri Ratan Tata
Shri R. Srinivasan, Ex. Health Secretary
Dr. Saroj Pachauri, Regional Dir. South and South East Asia Population Council
Ms. Sharmila Tagore
Ms. Sheema Rizvi, MLC, UP
Dr. Sudarshan (Right Livelihood Awardee), Mysore
Prof. Sundar Lal, Rohtak Medical College, Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine
Prof. Swapna Mukhopadhyay, IEG, Institute of Social Studies Trust
Smt. Thelma Narayan, International Heath Network of WHO
Dr. Trilochan Singh
Director, Centre for Policy Research
Member Secretary – Smt. Krishna Singh, Planning Commission

Aims and Objectives

(i) To review, monitor and give directions for the implementation of the National Population Policy with a view to meetingthe goals set out in the policy.

(ii) To promote synergy between demographic, educational, environmental and developmental programmes so as to hasten population stabilisation.

(iii) To promote inter-sectoral coordination in planning and implementation across government agencies of the Central and State Governments, to involved the civil society and the private sector and to explore the possibilities of international cooperation in support of the goals set out in the Policy.

(iv) To facilitate the development of a vigorous people's movement in support of this national effort.

b) The total fund allocated during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 for meeting the expenditure of the Commission is Rs. 59 lakhs and Rs. 1.36 crores respectively.

c) The NCP is not an executive body. Its large size results from its being a broad based forum to create a general consensus about various issues relating to population stabilisation.

d) Does not arise.